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January 11, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. FCC0000783 - Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, Phase 4A, Unit 7B, Part 2B, Cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Los Angeles (2 and 4), Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., with a final contract amount of \$13,596,740.51 (Partial Acceptance).

Project ID No. FCC0000849 - Wilbur Creek - East Branch Underground Storm Drain Repair, City of Los Angeles (5), Howard Ridley Co., Inc., with a final contract amount of \$85,339.20.

Project ID No. FMD0003061 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2004, San Gabriel River Watershed, et al., vicinities of Pico Rivera, Lakewood, and Covina (1, 4, and 5), United Waste Management, with changes in the amount of \$1,939.03, and a final contract amount of \$146,105.72.

Project ID No. RDC0013948 - Challenger Way/10th Street East, vicinity of Lancaster (5), Granite Construction Company, with changes in the amount of \$759.76, and a final contract amount of \$654,728.76.

Project ID No. RDC0013964 - Avenue S, vicinity of Pearblossom (5), Granite Construction Company, with changes amounting to a credit of \$9,021.21 and a final contract amount of \$412,559.39.

Project ID No. RMD3247065 - Road Division 233, et al., Slurry Seal Project, vicinity of Hawthorne (2), American Asphalt South, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$8,850.63, and a final contract amount of \$347,703.13.

Project ID No. SMDACO0094 - 106th Street, et al., Sanitary Sewers, vicinity of Athens (2), Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp., with changes in the amount of \$2,374.00, and a final contract amount of \$272,165.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Interim Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Interim Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for FMD0003061, RDC0013948, RDC0013964, RMD3247065, and SMDACO0094.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$9,021.21 to an increase in the amount of \$8,850.63, while the total values of the contracts range from \$85,339.20 to \$13,596,740.51.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Interim Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL)

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000783, DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT, PHASE 4A, UNIT 7B, PART 2B (Cities of Carson, Long Beach, and Los Angeles), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

Contractor: Mladen Buntich Construction Co., Inc., 1500 West 9th Street, Upland, CA 91786-5636

Project Description:

The construction of a water supply system, a compressed air system, a microfiltration treatment system, and an electrical system to service 34 injection wells currently under construction. The injection wells are an extension of the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, which prevents the infiltration of seawater into groundwater aquifers.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor has completed the original scope of work for the project in accordance with the plans and specifications. However, they are still doing additional work previously approved by your Board.

Due to poor weather conditions, the contractor has been delayed from completing the work at this time. Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend that all retention be released to the contractor. Public Works will withhold \$50,000.00 from the contractor's retention until the work is complete.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$11,845,221.00
Actual cost of changes in work previously approved by your Board	1,807,519.51
Deduction for Affirmative Action noncompliance	(6,000.00)
Withheld for uncompleted work	<u>(50,000.00)</u>
DUE TO THE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	<u>\$13,596,740.51</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000849, WILBUR CREEK - EAST BRANCH UNDERGROUND
STORM DRAIN REPAIR (City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Howard Ridley Co., Inc., P.O. Box 15609, Chino, California 91708

Project Description:

Repair of an existing reinforced concrete box conduit.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 23, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$72,510.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by the Board	<u>12,829.20</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$85,339.20</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003061, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2004, SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Pico Rivera, Lakewood, and Covina), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5)

Contractor: United Waste Management, 270 South Bristol Street, Suite 101-236, Costa Mesa, California 92626

Project Description:

Clean out 22,053 catch basins at various locations in the County.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$1,467.14
(2) Clean Out City of Whittier Catch Basins	1,487.33
(3) Clean Out City of San Dimas Catch Basins	861.44
(4) Reinspection of Catch Basins	<u>(1,876.88)</u>
Total	<u>\$1,939.03</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The City of Whittier requested cleaning of 221 City-owned catch basins. The City will reimburse the County for the cost of this work which was not shown on the plans.

(3) The City of San Dimas requested cleaning of 128 additional City-owned catch basins. The City will reimburse the County for the cost of this work which was not shown on the plans.

(4) The contractor exceeded the maximum time specified in the contract to reclean catch basins that were unacceptable upon initial inspection. The contractor was charged for necessary reinspections in accordance with the contract specifications, resulting in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The costs for Items 1, 2, and 3 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 4 was stipulated in the contract specifications.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 15, 2004, seventeen days after the required completion date. The project specifications provide for the assessment of liquidated damages of \$250.00 for each calendar day in excess of the contract completion date; therefore, we assessed liquidated damages in the amount of \$4,250.00.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$148,416.69
Changes in work authorized by the Interim Director of Public Works	1,939.03
Deduction for liquidated damages	<u>(4,250.00)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$146,105.72</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013948, CHALLENGER WAY/10TH STREET EAST (in the vicinity of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: Granite Construction Company, P.O. Box 50085, Watsonville, California 95077-5085

Project Description:

Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement and installation of striping and pavement markings.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$1,074.76
(2) Overtime Inspection	<u>(315.00)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 759.76</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual bid quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The contractor requested six hours of overtime inspection which resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The cost for Item 2 was stipulated in the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on October 22, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications; however, the contractor failed to comply with all the Affirmative Action reporting requirements of the contract. Since the contractor has failed to comply with these reporting requirements, we recommend that your Board accept the work of this contract subject to a \$400.00 deduction. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$654,369.00
Changes in work authorized by the Interim Director of Public Works	759.76
Deduction for Affirmative Action noncompliance	<u>(400.00)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$654,728.76</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013964, AVENUE S (in the vicinity of Pearblossom),
Supervisory District 5

Contractor: Granite Construction Company, P.O. Box 50085, Watsonville,
California 95077-5085

Project Description:

Reconstruction of roadway pavement and installation of striping and pavement markings.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$9,021.21)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual bid quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on November 10, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications; however, the contractor failed to comply with all the Affirmative Action reporting requirements of the contract. Since the contractor has failed to comply with these reporting requirements, we recommend that your Board accept the work of this contract subject to a \$1,600.00 deduction. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$423,180.60
Changes in work authorized by the Interim Director of Public Works	(9,021.21)
Deduction for Affirmative Action noncompliance	<u>(1,600.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$412,559.39</u>

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3247065, ROAD DIVISION 233, ET AL., SLURRY SEAL PROJECT (in the vicinity of Hawthorne), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: American Asphalt South, Inc., 14436 Santa Ana Avenue, Fontana, California 92337

Project Description:

Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$8,850.63
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Description of Changes

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 8, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$338,852.50
Changes in work authorized by the Interim Director of Public Works	<u>8,850.63</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$347,703.13</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0094, 106TH STREET, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS
(in the vicinity of Athens), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp., 539 West 140th Street,
Gardena, California 90248

Project Description:

Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing 8" sanitary sewers.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities	\$2,374.00
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Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on October 8, 2004, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$269,791.00
Changes in work authorized by the Interim Director of Public Works	<u>2,374.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$272,165.00</u>

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